GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:269
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BOARDING FACILITIES FOR GIRLS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to improve the boarding and lodging facilities for girl students of the rural areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the role of NGOs in the said scheme;

(c) the reasons as to why the Government has stopped the grants under the Scheme;

(d) whether the Government has reviewed the scheme; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(SHRI ARJUN SINGH)

(a) to (e) : A Statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 269 REGARDING "BOARDING FACILITES FOR GIRLS" DUE FOR REPLY ON 04.12.2007 NY SHRI MANJUNATH KUNNUR.

(a) & (b) : The centrally sponsored scheme for"Strengthening of Boarding and Hostel facilities for GirlStudents of Secondary and Higher Secondary Schools" provides for financial assistance to voluntary organizations forrunning girls hostels. The scheme envisages recurring grant of Rs. 10,000/- per annum per boarder and one time non-recurring grant of Rs. 3,000/ - per boarder to voluntary organizations for running hostels for girl students studying in classes VI to XII. The Central Government has also been implementing Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya (KGBV) Scheme since July, 2004, under which residential upper primary schools for girls belonging predominantly to SC,ST OBC and minority communities are set up in educationally backward blocks having high gender gaps and low rural female literacy. Participation of NGOs and other 'not for profit' organizations is also encouraged in the management of KGBVs.

(c) Due to some problems encountered in effective implementation of the scheme for "Strengthening of Boarding & Hostel Facilities for Girl Students of Secondary & Higher Secondary Schools", revision of the scheme was contemplated and it was decided not to entertain any fresh application for 2005-06.

(d) & (e) : The scheme has been evaluated by the Tata Institute of Social Science (TISS), Mumbai with reference to the implementation in the States of Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh and Orissa. Its report was submitted in April 2007. The major findings and recommendation s in the report are as follows:

The existing scheme has not yielded the desired result,

The Central and State Governments should take the responsibility for running schools and hostels for girls,

The Government should run the hostels directly,

The KGBV scheme under SSA should continue at the secondary and higher secondary stage,

The financing of girls' hostels run by NGOs should be only under exceptional circumstances. Organisation having a credible track record should run such hostels,

Girls from SC and ST communities need to be supported,

Specific needs of girls from minority communities, girls with disabilities and orphaned and deserted girls should be addressed,

Panchayats should be involved in the implementation.